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Price Laboratory School fulfills this mission by:

- providing an excellent and innovative education for the Price Laboratory School children it serves from early childhood through grade twelve
- serving as an integral component of the teacher education program of the University of Northern Iowa
- engaging in scholarly work and service directed at advancing teaching practices, resources, and methods for teachers at state, national, and international levels

Facts About PLS...

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State of the School Address

— Nadene Davidson, PLS Director

In the recent "State of the School" program held January 14, several items relating to PLS programs for all of our students were discussed. The PLS mission was reviewed as it relates to the North Central Accreditation (NCA) process. The report of the PLS Study Team and current standardized test data were also shared as well as current PLS initiatives.

PLS is currently in year four of a five year NCA School Improvement process. Data gathered from PLS students, parents, teacher education faculty, and PLS faculty directed the establishment of the three NCA goals. The three goals include improving school climate, enhancing writing, and articulating a pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade mathematics program.

A great deal has been accomplished on each of these three goals. Some of the work includes developing a set of "common area plans" that provide a consistent message and terminology among faculty, staff, and students. For the writing goal, all faculty and staff have received initial inservice training on the "Six Traits of Writing." J. D. Cryer, PLS Language Arts faculty has completed the training on this process and continues to provide leadership on infusing these common writing expectations across all curricular areas. In addition, a PLS faculty member received specialized training on teaching advanced placement (AP) composition and advanced placement literature. We now offer both of these courses. The PLS language arts department has started a "writing lab" to support each student in improving his/her skills and receiving consultation on specific writing assignments.

The data for the pre-kindergarten through twelfth (P – 12) grade math program has been carefully reviewed. The reports show PLS students showing strong scores in the areas of problem solving and critical thinking with the area of computation needing improvement. To address these issues several strategies have been implemented. PLS faculty have integrated additional skill development activities into the curriculum. A new mathematics program for students in grades four and five has been initiated. In addition, an honors option is currently offered to ninth and tenth grade students and will be phased into the eleventh grade program. PLS mathematics faculty are providing a "math lab" each day during the secondary lunch time to answer student questions and offer help with assignments. The pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade articulated curriculum is also being reviewed as related to the most recent National Council of Mathematics Teachers National Standards.

The early dismissals and faculty inservice days have been valuable resources to working on the NCA goals. This is an important process for our PLS program but also provides a model for research and curriculum development and the teacher education students as well.

Several new PLS program initiatives were also highlighted. We have received an Iowa Star Schools Grant. The focus of this project is to reach out to other communities with our citizenship program. To facilitate this process, the grant will provide a mobile lab and server for PLS. Our students will soon be communicating with other students about the basics tenets of being a productive and responsible citizen. We are also working on the details of a major grant from the National Fitness Foundation that will provide wellness equipment and the basis for refining strategies to deliver physical education/wellness courses. Supporting PLS seniors in their transition to post secondary options is the focus of another initiative. Several recent state and national studies have focused on the needs of this population and PLS is taking a closer look at our program and student needs to provide students with the best comprehensive programming. Another initiative involves Aaron Spurr, PLS science faculty member, field testing an online astronomy course targeting the high school age student. We will be assessing this delivery model and the impact it has on students.

The State of the School suggests multiple projects and initiatives supporting the ongoing school improvement cycle. Our common goal is to provide outstanding programs that support student achievement.

Elementary/Middle School Announcements

— John Krumbholz, Elementary Principal

Pick-up/Drop-off Procedures

I would like to remind everyone about several pick-up and drop-off procedures we implemented last spring to provide a safer environment for all our children.

- 1) Under no circumstances is double parking allowed when picking up children. This limits the vision of both children and drivers. It also encourages other parents to pass double-parked cars, creating an even more dangerous situation for our young people.
- 2) If all parking places are filled, proceed to the south lot to find a parking spot or simply loop around. When leaving the south lot, please either turn south or proceed across Campus St. heading east to avoid adding more congestion to an already heavily congested area.
- 3) Do not pick up children in the northbound lane. This forces them to cross heavy traffic and will eventually lead to a tragedy if the practice continues.
- 4) Keep the area on the corner of 19th St. and Campus St. (between Campus St. and the first set of stairs going down to the school) for buses and large child-care vans. If we can keep these large vehicles from entering Campus St. we will have far less congestion.
- 5) Always use your flashers when picking up your children and if a spot opens in front of you on the street, move forward so another car can pull in behind you.
- 6) Never block a crosswalk or park so close to a crosswalk that visibility is compromised. Remember, our little people are not always watching out for you like they should. It is our job to watch out for them!
- 7) Lastly, be patient and be courteous. We are all busy and we are all in a hurry, but when it comes to the safety of our children, we simply have to slow down. Adjust your schedule when possible to pick up after the big rush. We have staggered the dismissal times to alleviate some of the congestion but we will never eliminate it all until we have our own parking lot. If a teacher associate, or a parent volunteer asks you to do something or move somewhere, understand that they are doing it in the best interest of our children.

If we work together, Price Lab School will continue to grow into the safest and most caring environment to which you can send your children.

Hot Lunch Prices Increase

Hot lunch prices were increased effective the beginning of the second semester. High school and middle school are now charged \$1.75 per meal and elementary students are being charged \$1.65. Ala Carte prices have not been changed. The necessity to raise prices at mid year was a result of increased cost and equipment maintenance. This increase was approved by the PAC and became effective January 7, 2002.

Tardies

We are making a sincere attempt to reduce the number of tardies we are currently experiencing at the elementary and middle school levels and would appreciate your cooperation. Due to an inconsistency in how the student handbook reads, consequences for being tardy to classes have been unclear. During the second semester we hope to clear up this matter and emphasize the importance of being on time no matter what grade you are in. This is a habit that stays with a person for life and we want to make sure we get every student off on the right foot. We will be in contact with every parent when we see a habit beginning to develop that affects not only your child's education but the education of others in their class as well. Please support us in our efforts.

State of the School Meetings

Thanks goes out to all parents who found time in their busy schedules to attend our State of the School meetings on January 14. It was our attempt to present parents with the most current information available on all aspects of our school's operation. We appreciate your interest and will continue to strive to help our school improve to better meet the needs of our students.

"Don't Laugh at Me" Initiative

A special thank you goes out to Jim Miller. On January 10 and 11, Jim volunteered the better part of his days to assist me by musically introducing the "Don't Laugh at Me" initiative that you will be hearing a lot about in months to come. Believe me – he was a lifesaver!!

Kindergarten Round-Up

If you have a child you are planning on enrolling in either our Nursery or Kindergarten classes for next fall, please make sure you have an application submitted to Ruby Gabbard (273-6136) as soon as possible. Openings are filling up fast and you won't want your child to miss out on an excellent beginning to their educational years. Our Kindergarten Round-Up will be held on Friday afternoon, April 26, from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Make sure you place this date on your calendar today!

Handbook Correction

— *Dave Smith, Secondary Principal*

The unexcused tardy paragraph (on page 27) should read "each semester" instead of "each quarter." Tardies for each class period are acted on per semester.

Highlights from the Booster Club

— *Jed Ellerbroek, President*

Shirt/Sweatshirt Sales: It was proposed that the Booster Club sell NU shirts and sweatshirts via the concession stand at home basketball games. A motion was made by Jed Ellerbroek, and seconded by Steve Wartick, for the Booster Club to purchase inventory (shirts, visors, caps, sweatshirts, etc.) from the activities office to sell at home games. Motion was approved. Sales of inventory will be kept separate from concession sales. Steve volunteered to inform LuAnn McAdams, Concessions Coordinator, of the Booster Club decision. It was noted that concessions will be open during middle school games which proceed high school home games.

PLS Public Email Postings: It was noted that these emails have increased communication among the PLS community. The separate subject headings received positive feedback, and it was determined that they should be continued in the same format.

Winter Sports Kickoff: November 19, 2001, 6:30 pm, Field House. It was noted that the Winter "Sports" Kickoff should be renamed the Winter "Activities" Kickoff, to include the Pep Band and NU Singers. Middle school activities will also be included in the Kickoff. Cindy Page will coordinate the menu. Dave Smith will arrange a guest speaker. Dean Switzer will be invited to attend.

Middle School Activity Fundraiser: Lyn Countryman requested approval for the sale of seat cushions at home basketball games to raise funds for middle school activities. The request was approved.

National School Fitness Foundation Program: Dave Smith proposed a Wellness Program in which PLS/NU would receive a \$120,000 grant to upgrade the current weight room. The program would serve to research and monitor PLS students' overall fitness for national statistics. The current free weight stations would be sold and replaced with circuit training stations funded by the grant. A motion was made by Rusty Leymaster, pending approval from UNI legal staff, and seconded by Tom Mahan to approve a three-year lease commitment of monthly \$4500 payments, which will be reimbursed each month by the grant, to flow in and out of the Booster Club reserve funds.

Booster Club Minutes January 13, 2002

The meeting was called to order by President Jed Ellerbroek at 7:30 pm. Members present were Jed, Steve, Dominique, Tom, Rusty, Dave, Darryl, Cindy, Maria, Keith, Brian, Jim, Jodi, Kevin, and Susan. Minutes of the December meeting were read and approved.

New business:

A. Ice machine has been moved upstairs. There are only three keys for the concession stand (master won't work). Dave, Terry, and Marla have keys. This has made the use of the padlocks and keys obsolete which saves a lot of time.

Sink: Jody has a bid on a used double bin sink and new faucet for \$556.35. A motion was made and seconded to approve the bid from Wilson Restaurant Supply, Inc. for the sink and faucet contingent upon approval from plumber and measurements.

C. Coke/Pepsi switch: went smoothly

D. Coaching Vacancies: Boys Soccer, Football, MS Track, Boys and Girls Assistant Softball

E. Music/Drama Request: Request \$1,000 for accompanist for musical, Fiddler on the Roof. Motion was made to ask questions and get answers; then do an email vote.

F. Next meeting - February 6, 2002 at 7:00 pm.

G. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Gillett

Booster Requests - Funded

Cheerleading, Boombox, \$289.00

Boys Golf, Driving Range Fee, \$300.00

Theatre, Sound System, \$329.00

Theatre, Two-Way Radios, \$265.00

Band, Lease Payment, \$997.00

Junior Class (prom), \$1,500.00

Banners, six, \$1,800.00

Yearbook, \$1,000.00

Uniforms, \$8,100.00

Weight Room, Staff, \$2,200.00

Senior Breakfast, \$250.00

Swimming Unit, Timer Pads, \$2,750.00

Dome Rent, \$4,500.00

Many thanks to the Booster Club for all their hard work and generous contributions for PLS activities.

Martin Luther King Jr.

African American History Trivia Contest Winners

On Monday, January 21, two teams, four students representing NUHS and three students representing NUMS both took first place in the 2nd annual Martin Luther King, Jr. African American History Trivia Contest. Congratulations to Nicole Cook, Lastascia Granger, Lisa Kuo, Reggie Woods, Kristina Cook, Jimmie Hunter, and Andrew Martin.

Scott Will - Swim Meet Winner

In the swim meet against Charles City, Scott Will broke the 13 year-old backstroke with a winning time of 56.72 seconds. Congratulations Scott!!

Congratulations Speech Team

Congratulations to the speech team for their successful performances at the District Speech Contest in Grundy Center on Saturday. Groups who earned a "I" rating (excellent) earn the right to advance to

State on February 2.

These include:

Reader's Theater:

Emily Hanson, Amelia Bales, Sandra King, Peter Behroozi, and Emily Callahan.

Group Improv:

Group 1: Joe Traw, Alden Turner, Kent Schrad, and Melanie DeVries.

Group 2: Liz Schacterle, Reggie Woods, Brie Penaluna, and Dan Weber.

Group 3: Mattie Lynch and Cyrus Moussav

Ensemble Acting: "Othello": Christopher Hardy and Aubrey Huber.

"Fables for Friends": Nora Kischer-Browne, Jennifer Bertram, and Amber Smith.

The One Act Play received a Division II (good) rating: Mary Weber, Alden Turner, Joe Traw, Kent Schrad, John Paar, Kate Kilbourn, Liz Schacterle, and Melanie DeVries.

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Support PLS Fundraisers

Support Price Lab School With These PTP Fundraising Opportunities!

"malls4schools" - Every \$1 spent at College Square Mall can count as a point or "vote" for Malcolm Price Laboratory School. Participating stores include all stores inside College Square Mall, Wal-Mart; HyVee, Applebees, Village Inn, Carlos O'Kelly's, Lenscrafter and Blockbuster Video. Take your receipts to the Customer Service Center across from Bath and Body Works where they will add up your dollars spent and credit PLS. Anyone can participate—friends, relatives, UNI students, etc. Last year our school won third place and received a check for \$1500. Let's go for 1st place this year! Special promotions and opportunities to earn bonus points will be advertised Friday mornings on "The Hog, 98.5 FM." This fundraiser runs from January 18 through May 31, 2002.

HyVee's "Cash For Students" - Save receipts from any area HyVee store and turn them in to Unit II or deposit them in the pink PTP box in the lobby outside the PLS Auditorium. The school will earn a cash percentage of the total receipts turned in. Receipts from the College Square HyVee can also be used to earn points as part of "malls4schools" (they won't keep the receipts—they'll just add them up and stamp them).

Box Tops For Education - Save "Box Tops For Education" from food products that your family uses and send them to school with your child or turn them in to Karen Williams in Room 124. For each valid Box Top turned in PLS receives 10 cents. We've collected over \$220 worth of Box Tops as of mid-January, and would like to earn enough to purchase another new table for the lunchroom (PTP has already helped purchase several new tables through previous fundraisers). The Box Tops For Education appear on many General Mills products, such as cereal, cake, cookie and muffin mixes, Hamburger Helper, Fruit Snacks, Yoplait, etc. Box Tops may be turned in at any time, but PLS must mail them to General Mills by March 31 in order to count for this school year. Check out their website for more ways to raise funds for our school: www.boxtops4education.com

Ink Jet Cartridges - Save empty ink jet cartridges from Hewlett Packard, Canon, Apple, and Lexmark and turn them in to the collection box in the lobby (in a plastic bag please!) PLS receives a refund of \$1.00 - \$3.00 for each cartridge. Thanks to the PLS Communication Center for providing this fundraiser!

Kwik Rewards - Designate Price Laboratory School on your Kwik Star/Kwik Trip credit card and the school will receive a cash rebate every time you use the card. The necessary forms are available from Karen Williams in the PLS Office or at any Kwik Star. In addition, you can apply over the phone by calling toll-free, 1-888-736-5945.

schoolpop.

www.schoolpop.com - Register with Schoolpop, designate Malcolm Price Laboratory School, and when you shop at any of the participating stores, catalogs, and online merchants, a percentage of each purchase goes to PLS. Check out their website for a list of participating merchants.

Kmart School Spirit Program - Have the cashier scan your PLS School Spirit Card each time you shop at Kmart and a portion of the purchase will go to PLS. This is NOT a credit card, and may be used whether you are paying by cash, check, debit card or a credit card. Each student should have brought home a set of cards designating PLS. They're also available in the school office.

Target Guest Card - When you apply for a Target Credit card, designate PLS as the school you want to receive donations. Every time you shop at Target and use your card, Target will donate 1% of your purchases to PLS in the form of a cash rebate.

PLS Carnival – Friday, April 5, 2002. Call PTP President, Kathleen McKenna at 266-1516 to volunteer or to donate.

Box Tops for Education



Mr. Wheaties visited nursery/kindergarten students in Ms. Hoffman's class to talk about the Box Tops for Education program and how it can help our school.

For every Box Top For Education Price Lab receives ten cents. To date, we've collected enough Box Tops to earn about \$220 for PLS. In order to increase participation in the Box Tops For Education program, a contest began in January for students in grades K-8.

The grade turning in the highest amount of Box Tops will win a pizza party. Special thanks to Pizza Hut on West 1st Street for providing pizza to the class turning in the most Box Tops between 1/7/02 and 2/7/02!

Students or their parents may also continue to turn in Box Tops using the designated box in Karen's office, Room 124. If you would like a particular class to get the credit, indicate which class on the envelope or plastic bag containing the Box Tops. 7th & 8th graders should turn their Box Tops into their class advisor, Ms. Balong or Ms. Herrick.

Although the pizza contest ends February 7, we will continue to collect Box Tops year-round (summer too!)

Thanks for your help and remember to save your Box Tops!

Sandy Sutton
PLS Box Top\$ for Education Coordinator

Kwik Rewards

Kwik Rewards Brings In Cash for Price Lab School!

The Kwik Trip/Kwik Star Kwik Rewards program is an easy, convenient way for you to financially support our school. For every gallon of gas purchased using your personal Kwik Card, our school can earn 3 cents. In addition, in-store purchases earn an additional 4% for PLS. Applications for a Kwik Card Personal Account are available from Karen Williams in the PLS Office or at any Kwik Star location. If you already have a Kwik Card, just fill out a Kwik Rewards Form and designate Price Laboratory School. These forms are also available in the Office or at any Kwik Star. Your card can be used at over 265 locations throughout Iowa, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. There are no annual fees, no card fees, and you'll be earning cash rebates for our school.

Science Department Fundraiser: Black and White Photos of NU Students

— Aaron Spurr, Science

The NU High Science Department is selling black and white photos of students in activities and events. Proceeds from the sale will go directly to the NUHS Science Department. To view the photos available for purchase, please see Aaron Spurr in the Science Department office. You can contact Mr. Spurr via email at aaron.spurr@uni.edu, or by phone at 273-7897.

PLS Prints Available

Color or black and white mezzotint prints of Price Laboratory School may be ordered from the Communication Center. Since, 1991, over 100 copies of the color print have been purchased by PLS faculty, students and alumni to serve as a memento of their experience at PLS. Copies have also been donated to PLS fundraisers.

If you are interested in ordering a PLS print, please contact Lynn Dykstra at 273-2575. Color prints are available for \$15.00 each, B/W are \$8.00. Approximate size is 10x13". Hand-coloring and packaging is done by Lynn Dykstra. (Make checks payable to Price Laboratory School).

Proceeds from the sales have gone to support professional development activities of the Communication Center faculty/staff.

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Unit II Students Study Australia

— Denise Tallakson, Unit II



G'day Mates!

Go to a beach party in January?!? You would if you were in Australia! The students in Unit II culminated their month long unit on Australia by having a beach party on Friday, January 11. The students enjoyed wearing their beachwear while they played beachball volleyball, tasted vegemite, ate sub sandwiches, drank Aussie lemonade and sunbathed and read books about Australia. A good time was had by all!

NU High Yearbooks

— Rick Vanderwall, Language Arts

Parents and students are reminded that last year's yearbooks are in. They can be picked up in the Language Arts office, Room 220. We are also taking orders for this year's yearbooks. The cost is \$45.00. Please stop by the Language Arts office or call 273-6047 to order a yearbook. Thank you.

KUDOS

B. J. Herrick

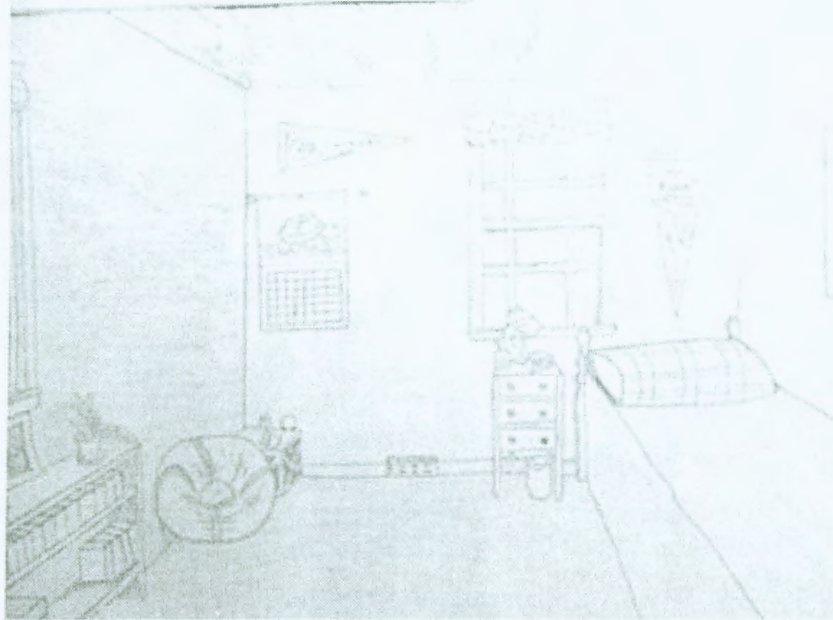
Congratulations are in order for B.J. Herrick. She has just been informed that July 1, 2002, she will become the new vice-president of the Iowa Council for the Social Studies. B.J. has had a long relationship with the Iowa Council, attending 12 state conferences in the years preceding her coming to PLS. Now, she will get some of her expenses paid when she travels to Des Moines. Way to go, B.J.

Bob Lee and Neil Phipps

In December, two NU High coaches were honored with plaques by the Iowa Association of Track Coaches at their Hall of Fame Banquet in Ames. Head girl's track coach Neil Phipps was named 1A Girl's Regional Track Coach of the Year for 2001. Bob Lee, head boy's cross country coach, was named 1A Boy's Cross Country Coach of the Year for 2001.

Built Environment Education at Price Lab School

— Rick Knivsland, Secondary Art



Artwork by Steven Biederman

Middle School and secondary students are currently studying the "Built Environment" in Eighth Grade Exploratory Art and again in high school in Three-Dimensional Media.

Combining perspective drawing with architectural terms and ideas, and using their rooms as a starting point, eighth grade students learn one and two-point perspective, the names of historic details in a building they invent, draw floorplans and elevations for their "dream room," do an architectural field study of a building on campus, and design and build an Architectural Lantern out of clay.

In Three-Dimensional Media students study the neighborhood surrounding the school (and other houses in the metro area) to determine domestic house styles and influences, look at the work of Frank Lloyd Wright, research other important architects, design a small retreat according to the wishes of their deceased Aunt Betty, and choose from a variety of final project options.

For more information about what we do in class, or about the Prairie School of Architecture, Frank Lloyd Wright In Iowa, the American Foursquare (you may be living in one), or take a virtual tour of Iowa's Cedar Rock, check out the UNI/PLS Built Environment Web site at: www.pls.uni.edu/BltEnEd.

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malls4schools Program

— Jolene Tagtow, Language Arts

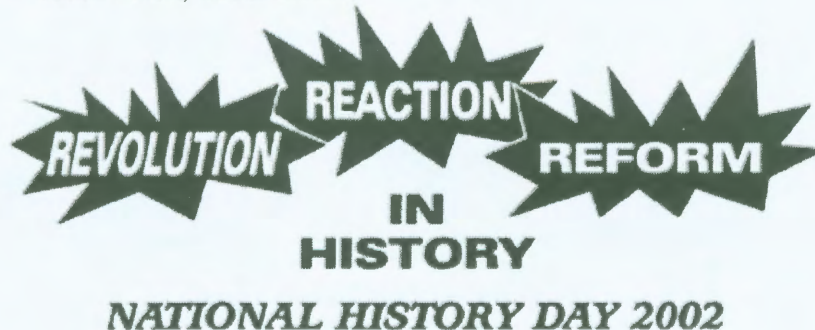
Price Lab School is one of 10 schools competing in College Square Mall's community program that is focused on supporting local schools. The program, "malls4schools" kicks-off this January as students return to school for the spring semester. This program will award \$10,000 in prize money to local schools. Schools will earn points or "votes." The school that has the most votes at the end of the program wins the top prize while all participating schools win something. Last year we came in third and received \$1,500.00 for our efforts. Shoppers are invited to "vote" for the school of their choice by allocating their mall store receipts. One dollar equals one vote. Shoppers allocate their College Square Mall store receipts dated between January 18 and May 31, 2002 at the "malls4schools" redemption center located at the Customer Service Center near Center Court.

In addition to the businesses in the mall itself, Hy-Vee, Wal-Mart, Lenscrafters, Applebee's, Village Inn, Carlos O'Kelly's and Blockbuster Video at College Square are also participating merchants. Throughout the program, the mall will take the total number of votes for each school and divide it by the number of students at that school. This is being done to balance the playing field so that small student bodies and large student bodies at all schools will have the same chance to win.

Show your school spirit by allocating your points to PLS. Every dollar we earn will be used to purchase items students need. Each school will receive money for participating, but let's help our students by earning the largest cash prize. Thank you in advance for your support. Don't miss the bus... start helping your school earn points today!

Annual PLS National History Day Contest

— Jason Follett, Social Studies



On the afternoon of February 18, 2002, PLS will host it's annual National History Day [NHD] contest in the PLS Library and various rooms. This contest involves NUMS and NUHS students currently enrolled in a class instructed by Mr. Jason Follett and Mr. Paul Horton, Instructors of Teaching: Social Studies. This contest is open to the public.

NHD's 2002 theme, "Revolution, Reaction, Reform in History" is broad enough in scope to encourage investigation of topics ranging from local to world history. To understand the historical importance of their topics, students must ask questions of time and place, cause and effect, change over time, and impact and significance. They must ask not only when events happened but also why they happened and what impact they had. What factors contributed to their development?

Regardless of the topic selected, students must not only present a description of it, but also draw conclusions about how their topic affected individuals, communities, nations, or the world. For more information on NHD, please visit www.nationhistoryday.org

Winners of the PLS NHD Contest will advance to the AEA 7 NHD Contest which will be held on March 14, 2002. Detailed information on presentation times for the NUMS NHD entries on February 18 will soon be posted on Mr. Follett's 7th Grade website which can be accessed from his homepage at www.pls.uni.edu/socialstudies/follett.htm

Fiddler on the Roof

— *Jolene Tagtow, Language Arts*

The Music and Theatre Departments of Northern University High School are proud to announce the cast for their spring production, *Fiddler on the Roof*. Production dates are March 8 and 9 at 7:30 pm and March 10 at 2:00 pm in Butzier Auditorium of Malcolm Price Laboratory School. Tickets will go on sale as of February 25. They can be purchased in the Language Arts Office, by phone at 273-6047, or at the door. All tickets are for general admission. There is no reserved seating.

Tevye - Christopher Hardy
 Golde - Aubrey Huber
 Tzeitel - Amadea Jessen
 Hodel - Jennifer Grabowski
 Chava - Emily Callahan
 Shprintze - Lastacia Granger
 Bielke - Emily Hershberger
 Yente - Liz Schachterle
 Motel - Ian Cawley
 Perchik - John Paar
 Lazar Wolf/chorus - Rob Williams
 Mordcha/chorus - Brie Penaluna
 Rabbi - Cam Puetz
 Mendel - Toby Jessen
 Avrahm, the Bookseller/chorus - Reggie Woods
 Nachum, the Begger/chorus - Ashley Davidson
 Granma Tzeitel/chorus - Sandra King
 Fruma-Sarah/chorus - Mary Weber
 Constable - Jeff Zeitz
 Fyedka - Kent Schrad
 Shandel, Model's mother/chorus -Katy Lyman
 The Fiddler - Peter Behroozi

Speaking Villagers/Chorus
 Amy Little, Kerianne Puetz
 Mae Colburn, Jennifer Bertram
 Vanessa Hershberger, Allison Fryman
 Amanda Koch, Brittany Waack
 Joanie Anderson, Elizabeth Brumm
 Katy Huber, Nadia Buchovska

Stage Managers: Amelia Bales, Tina Bremner, Caitlin Tracey

Support Service Activities Talent Development News

— *Katheryn East, Support Services*

The results from the Explore Test are in. If your student is in a grade other than grade 8, Katheryn East has those results. You may either pick them up in Room 145, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays or call and request that they be mailed to you. Each set of results comes with a booklet

that explains the results. If you have additional questions please contact Katheryn East, 273-6789.

The Spring 2002 ACES programs through the OPPTAG program in Ames either have started or will be starting soon. If you are not on their mailing list and are interested in more information please contact Katheryn East, 273-6789 or check out their web site at http://www.public.iastate.edu/~opptag_info.

What's Under the Support Services Umbrella?

School Team Meetings

PLS Support Services is the umbrella that covers a wide variety of services designed to meet the individual needs of students at PLS. These services are initiated and coordinated through school team meetings (STM) (If you are interested in this please check out the information located at <http://www.uni.edu/~east/STM.html>)—a process in which we put our heads together to come up with a good plan for meeting an individual student's needs.

The STM process at Price Laboratory School is designed to assist in meeting the needs of any student who has identified concerns in the school setting. The purpose of the process is to generate and implement interventions that support the student in the regular curriculum

The STM process has both informal and formal parts. The informal portion consists of parent and teacher working together to implement modifications and interventions with the aim of providing success for the student. If successful progress is not reached at this level, the teacher or parent may request formal STM.

The formal STM process is used by a team of people who know the student or have expertise which may help in devising appropriate interventions. This process is based on the IDEAL model:

- Identification of the issue
- Defining the issue in specific terms
- Exploring all possible solutions
- Applying selected interventions
- Looking back to evaluate the success of the interventions.

Questions regarding this process can be answered by your student's classroom teacher or be directed to Katheryn East, 273-6789.

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Tenth Annual Olympiada of Spoken Russian

— *Jim Sweigert, Modern Language*

On Friday, April 26, NU High will host the tenth-annual Iowa Olympiada of Spoken Russian, which is sponsored by the American Council of Teachers of Russian. The spoken Olympiada is a language contest for Iowa high school Russian language students. All high school-age students studying Russian are eligible to participate.

The event will take place from 8:30 am-3:00 pm, at Maucker Union on the UNI campus. Please encourage your NUHS Russian student to take part in this wonderful event. NUHS has been the state champion of this event every year since 1994; let's keep our record going!

A New National Placement Exam for Russian Language Students

Jim Sweigert has been selected by the American Council of Teachers of Russian to write test items and field-test a new advanced placement-type achievement exam for Russian language students who wish to continue their Russian language studies at the university level. This is likely to be the first exam of its type whose preparatory and testing materials will be available solely online.

The exam will most likely be ready by fall 2003. For more information please contact Mr. Sweigert at 273-7675.

Music Announcements

Thank You From the Northeast Iowa Food Bank!

— *Dr. Leonard Upham, Music Department*

At the December 13 concert, the NU Middle and High School Bands asked the audience members to bring canned goods, paper products, and/or personal hygiene products as their "admission" to the concert. The high school band members repacked the items collected at the concert and Dr. Upham and Mr. Hudson delivered the boxes of goods to the NE Iowa Food Bank on Monday, December 17.

In January, the bands received a thank you letter from the Food Bank. According to their accounting, the bands collected 306 pounds of food and \$16 in cash donations. The NU contribution of products and money made it possible for the Food Bank to provide \$202.56 worth of food and grocery products to those in need in the Northeast Iowa area.

The NU Bands would like to thank parents and all other audience members for their contributions. Your generosity made our Service Project Concert successful.

Black History Month Celebration

— *Dr. Linda Sharp, Music Department*

The NUHS Concert Choir has been invited as the guest choir at Wapsie Valley High School's second Black History Month celebration on February 12, 2002. The program will be held at 1:30 in

the Wapsie high school gymnasium. NU guidance counselor TC Barney will be the featured speaker. The choir will sing several selections, including a gospel-style arrangement of "Ride On, King Jesus," conducted by Reggie Woods, followed by the spiritual arrangement of the same tune, a South African piece, "Freedom Come," and an arrangement of "Precious Lord." There will also be a featured gospel soloist. The event is open to the public and there is no admission charge.

Music Department Calendar - February and March

February

6 Cedar Valley MS Band Festival
 7-9 UNI Northern Festival of Bands
 10-11 U of Iowa Honor Choir
 14 MS/HS Orchestra Concert
 17-18 Luther Dorian Orchestra Festival
 24-25 UNI Northern Iowa Vocal Arts Festival
 26-27 UNI Northern Iowa String Festival

March

3-4 Luther Dorian Band Festival
 8-10 All-School Musical - "Fiddler on the Roof"
 14 Elementary (NK-3) Concert

NUHS Vocal Music Students Named to Several Area Honor Choirs

NUHS Vocal Music students have been named to several area Honor Choirs which take place during January and February. At the recent Dorian Festival, conducted by Weston Noble, Ian Cawley and Katy Lyman also participated in the solo competition. Jennifer Grabowski, Katy Lyman, and Ian Cawley will also compete in the solo competition at the UNI Vocal Arts Festival. Students selected are as follows:

Dorian Choral Festival

Luther College
 January 13-14, 2002
 Emily Callahan
 Ian Cawley
 Jenna Davis
 Katy Lyman

Meistersinger Choral Festival

Wartburg College
 January 19-20, 2002
 Nadia Buchovska
 Hannah Buck
 Anjelica Crawford
 Ashley Davidson
 Rob Williams
 Reggie Woods

University of Iowa Honor Choir

February 10-11, 2002
 Aubrey Huber
 Jade McAdams
 Nate Ohrt
 Elena Rodriguez
 Sam Tupper

UNI Vocal Arts Festival

Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center
 February 24-25
 Ian Cawley
 Jen Grabowski
 Audrey Hesse
 Katy Lyman

Kent Schrad
Sam Tupper
Mary Weber

Congratulations to these students for their achievement!

PLS AND NUHS Orchestra Concerts and Festivals

— *Dr. Michael Fanelli, Music Department*

The PLS fifth and sixth grade strings will be presenting a winter concert on Tuesday evening February 12, 2002 in the Butzier Auditorium. The NUHS Middle School Orchestra and NUHS Orchestra will be presenting a classical/pops concert on Thursday February 14, 2000 at 7:30 pm.

Members of the NUHS Orchestra are participating in the Luther College Dorian Orchestra Festival on February 17, and 18, 2002 in Decorah. The UNI School of Music will be hosting a string festival on February 26, and 27, 2002 at the Performing Arts Center. Members the English chamber orchestra St. Martins in the Fields will be guest clinicians presenting master classes. A string orchestra comprised of the festival students will give a concert at the Bluedorn Performing Arts Center on February 27, 2002 in the Great Hall at 4:00 pm.

The PLS and NUHS Orchestra students look forward to seeing you at their concerts celebrating and sharing their musical performances.



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Summer Enrichment Opportunity for Talented and Motivated Students

— Megan Balong, Math Department

The University of Northern Iowa and Malcolm Price Laboratory School are pleased to offer for a second year an exciting two-week summer enrichment program for highly motivated middle level students to be held on the campus of UNI. The UNI/MPLS Summer Middle Level Symposium will be held Monday through Friday, June 17-28, 2002 from 8:00 am to noon. Students who have completed grades 5, 6, 7, or 8, will be eligible to participate in the UNI/MPLS Summer Symposium.

Nearly all of the course activities and offerings are new for Summer 2002. This program will emphasize both the academic and social needs of middle level students, immersing them in Mathematics and English activities and instruction. In addition, students will select two seminars from photography, weather forecasting, drama, and more! The faculty will consist of experienced teachers and experts in their area of specialization.

Students with a desire to learn and investigate challenging concepts are encouraged to apply. Although high-achieving and high-ability students are sought for this program, the desire to learn and the ability to work cooperatively with teachers and students are equally important. The enrollment fee is \$200.00. Financial assistance may be available. If you are interested, please contact J.D. Cryer (273-2294 or JD.Cryer@uni.edu) or Megan Balong (273-7174 or Megan.Balong@uni.edu) for more information.

MPLS Aquatic School

— Ben Myers, Physical Education

The MPLS Aquatic School consists of a series of eight, 1/2 hour sessions geared to a small group setting to enable individual attention. The aquatic school is taught by Coach Myers who has extensive experience working with all ages and ability levels in all phases of aquatics.

The classes will be conducted according to the following schedule:

Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, twice weekly for four weeks, beginning Tuesday, February 26. We will also hold classes on Thursday, February 28, Tuesday, March 5, Thursday, March 7, Tuesday, March 12, and Thursday, March 14. No classes will be held on March 19 and 21 due to Spring Break, or on March 26 or 28.

Classes:

Advanced Swimmers - 4:00-4:30 pm

Focus on stroke and skill technique. Students should be able to swim two lengths of a 20-yard pool.

Beginner, Advanced Beginner - 4:30-5:00 pm

Students who are just "getting started."

3 to 5 year-olds - 5:00-5:30 pm

"Get Acquainted with Water" class.

Fees are \$30, payable to Ben Myers. Class size is limited (6-8 students). Registration is on a first come, first served basis. Call Coach Myers at 273-7661 to register or obtain further information. Classes are limited to PLS/NU High students.

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NORTHERN UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL SPRING SPORTS PROGRAM

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GIRLS TRACK

Mar 11	Warturg Inv	Wartburg	4:30
Apr 2	Jesup Inv	Independence	5:00
5	Eldora-NP	Eldora	4:30
12	Wahawk Inv	Central	5:00
15	Ack/Gen Inv	Eldora	5:00
18	N Fayette	W Union	4:00
19	Grundy Center Inv	GC	5:00
23	Metro	CFHS	5:00
26	NU Inv	CFHS	5:00
29	NICL	P-Burg	4:00
May 2	Apl/P-Burg	P-Burg	5:00
7	Districts	TBA	
17/18	State	Des Moines	

BOYS TRACK

Mar 12	Wartburg Inv	Wartburg	4:30
26	Union/G-R/NU	LPC	4:30
Apr 1	Columbus Inv	Central	5:00
2	Union/G-R/NU	LPC	4:30
8	Jesup Inv	Independence	5:00
12	Independence	Independence	5:00
16	DNH	Dike	5:00
19	Cole Collinge	CFHS	5:00
23	Grundy Center	GC	5:00
25	Vinton	Vinton	5:00
26/27	Drake	DM	
29	NICL	P-Burg	4:00
May 2	Aldrich Relays	CFHS	5:00
11	Districts	Dike	
24/25	State	Des Moines	

GIRLS TENNIS

Apr 4	Eldora-NP	Eldora	4:15
8	G. Center	GC	4:15
11	Wav.S Rock	Home	4:00
12	Hub/Rad	Home	4:30
16	Union	Home	4:00
22	Hudson	Hudson	4:00
25	Union	LPC	4:00
30	Eldora/NP	Home	4:15
May 2	DNH	Home	4:00
6	Apl/P-Burg	Apl	4:15
7	AGWSR	Ackley	4:15
13	NICL	Byrnes	9:00a
16	District (Ind)	Byrnes	9:00a
18,20-22	District (Team)	Byrnes	9:00a
30-31	State(Ind)	DM	
Jun 1	State (Team)	DM	

BOYS TENNIS

Apr 4	Eldora-Np	Home	4:15
8	Grundy Center	Home	4:15
9	Apl/P-Burg	Home	4:15
11	Wav/S Rock	Waverly	4:00
16	Union	LPC	4:00
18	Independence	Home	4:00
22	Hudson	Home	4:15
25	Union	Home	4:00
27	Eldora/NP Tour	Eldora	9:00am
30	Eldora/NP	Eldora	4:15
May 2	Dike-NH	Dike	4:00
9	Districts	Columbus	
14	NICL	Byrnes	9:00am
18	Sub-State		
24/25	State	Waverly	

GOLF

Apr 9	AP/AGSWR/NU	APL	4:15
12	Denver	Denver	4:00
15	GC/NU/Hud	GC	4:15
18	Wap Val/WR/NU	Home	4:00
19	Jesup/DNH/NU	Home	4:00
20	Grundy Center Inv	GC	8:00a
22	Apl/P-Burg Inv	Apl	4:30
25	Glad/Rein	Home	4:00
29	BCLUW	Union	4:30
30	Union\Columbus/	Home	4:30
May 2	DNH	Home	4:00
6	NICL	Union	12:00
10	Sectionals	Pheasant Ridge	1:00
17	Districts (Highland Pk)	Mason City	
24/25	State (Otter Creek)	Ankeny	

BOYS SOCCER

Mar 28	Denver	Home	4:15
Apr 2	Hudson	Home	4:15
5	Wav/SR	Waverly	4:15
13	West Tourn	Waterloo	9:00a
18	East Watl (Sloane)	Waterloo	4:15
22	Apl-Parkersburg	Apl	4:15
30	Decorah	Home	4:30
May 2	Denver	Denver	4:15
4	Wav/SR Tour	Waverly	9:00am
6	Columbus	Home	4:15
10	Glad/Rein	Home	4:30
11	Jefferson	Home	1:00
16	Benton Comm	Home	4:30-Behind Game
18,21,23	Districts	TBA	
31	State	TBA	
June 1	State	TBA	

GIRLS SOCCER

Apr 22	Jamboree	CF	
27	Columbus	Home	10:00
30	CR Washington	CR	4:15
May 6	Denver	Denver	4:15
7	South Tama	Home	4:15
13	Benton Comm	Home	4:30
14	Hudson	Hudson	4:00
21	Marshalltown	Marshalltown	6:00
24	Apl-Parkersburg	Apl	4:30
28	Solon	Solon	4:15
30	East Watl (Sloane)	Waterloo	4:15
Jun 1	Waverly-SR	Wav	9:00a
3	Gladbrook-Rein	Home	3:30
6-8,10	Regionals		
14-15	State	Muscatine	

MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK

Apr 9	Dike-NH	Dike	4:15
15	NU/GC/Denver	G-GC	4:15
		B-Home	4:15
23	Glad/Rein (B&G)	Gladbrk	4:30
26	Apl/P-Burg (Girls)	P-Burg	4:15
30	Apl/P-Burg (Boys)	P-Burg	4:15
May 3	GC(Comb 7/8 Gr)	GC	4:30
10	NICL	B-Dike	4:15
		G-Dike	4:15